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**Sunshine
backs its
buy local
strategy**

A LOCAL preference in procurement guideline was introduced at the last Sunshine Coast Council meeting as part of annual review.

Corporate finance portfolio councillor Tim Dwyer said local suppliers had received more than \$133 million in council spending so far this financial year, representing 68% of the total spend.

"Council is always looking for opportunities to foster greater engagement with local suppliers," he said.

Key council strategies include:

- Contracts under \$15,000 – local suppliers only invited to quote;

- Contracts between \$15,000 and \$100,00 – at least two of the three required quotes invited from local suppliers;

- Contracts between \$100,000 and \$200,000 – at least one of the three required quotes invited from local suppliers;

- 15% evaluation weighting for "contribution made to the local economy" criteria in all tenders and in any quoting process where local suppliers compete with non-local suppliers.

Crows on warpath
I WOULD like to reply to

Mike Gibson, from the minority EDV group, about his long, boring, and at times quite patronising letter in the paper last week.

In his assessment of Division 10 Councillor Greg Rogerson not representing his constituents properly, the fact that both he and Division 9 councillor Steve Robinson have both been re-elected, only proves that the Eumundi, Doonan and Verrierdale voters are more than happy with their divisional councillors and are willing to stay with the Sunshine Coast Council.

The EDV group members,

also known as "The Crows" in our part of the world are again on the warpath, despite knowing that the local government, Sunshine Coast Council, the Sunshine Coast Alliance (SCA), and the majority of local voters do not want any change.

Even the Noosa Council, who could do with the extra ratepayers, have admitted through their CEO Brett de Chastel, that taking over the EDV area, would be 'budget negative' as the area is way too expensive to maintain for the amount of rates collected.

But I will agree on one

point with Mr Gibson, when he mentions that "People live here because they want to be here"; You are right Mike, in fact, a lot of families in the SCA have been living here for five generations and are not going anywhere else! Perhaps Tony, you are the one who lives here, but doesn't want to be here!

Maybe the "Crows" should re-nest to Wallace park and keep the bats away!

That would save your beloved Noosa Council a lot of trouble.

— Dom Massoni
SCA Vice President